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SUBJECT: GOS REBUKES MEXICAN PRESIDENT

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1. APRIL 15 PRESS CARRIED FOL TEXT: " THE OFFICE OF DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION REGISTERS THE GOS' MOST CATEGORICAL REPULSION AT THE RECENT STATEMENTS MADE IN PARIS BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO, WHICH CONSTITUTE AN INTOLERABLE INTERFERENCE IN SPANISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AT THE SAME TIME IT REITERATES THE RESPECT AND AFFECTION OF THE SPANISH GOVT AND PEOPLE FOR THE MEXICAN PEOPLE".

2. NEITHER THE OFFICIAL NOTE NOR THE MADRID PRESS GAVE A COHERENT REPORT OF WHAT ECHEVERRIA DID AND SAID THAT WAS SO REPULSIVE.

3. AN MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOF HAD INSISTED ECHEVERRIA CANCEL RECEPTION FOR SPANISH REPUBLIC ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. BUT, GOF AGREED TO ECHEVERRIA " INTERVIEW" WITH SPANISH REPUBLICANS ON CONDITION THAT IT BE GIVEN NO PUBLICITY. NEVERTHELESS, PRESS WAS PRESENT, AND NOTED MEXICAN PRESIDENT' S REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT UNDER ESTRADA DOCTRINE GOM FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH SPANISH REPUBLIC
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AND NOT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH REGIME THAT DESTROYED
REPUBLIC, WHICH WOULD BE RESENTED BY SOME SECTORS IN MEXICO.

4. REACTION OF INDEPENDENT SPANISH PRESS, E. G., VANGUARDIA
AND INFORMACIONES WAS MODERATE THOUGH HOSTILE. BUT NUEVO
DIARIO, CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FONMIN LOPEZ BRAVO AND
TECHNOCRAT FACTION, HARSHLY ATTACHED "HYPOCRISY" OF ECHEVERRIA
AND PRI. WHEN THEY SPEAK OF "DEMOCRATIC AND REVOLUTIONARY
PRINCIPLES, IT BRINGS A SMILE TO EVERYONE'S LIPS". FAR
RIGHT HOJA DE LUNES INJECTED ANTI-AMERICANISM IN ITS
EDITORIAL, INCLUDING MOCK SYMPATHY WITH ECHEVERRIA'S EFFORT
TO REDUCE CONTROL OF PRI BY USG, WHICH HAS RUN THE PLACE SINCE
TIME OF THAT "CRAZY FOOL PRESIDENT WILSON". NOW DEFUNCT
FALANGE WAS PERFECT PLURALISM COMPARED WITH "PARTIDO UNICO"
PRI, OPERATING UNDER COCA COLA SIGN. ACCORDING TO HOJA,
TO AVOID RIDICULE, ECHEVERRIA RATHER THAN VISITING PARIS OR
PEKING, SHOULD NOT VENTURE BEYOND SAN ANGEL INN.

5. COMMENT: A. IT IS PROBABLY A MISTAKE FOR SPANISH TO MAKE
BROAD BRUSH ATTACK ON PRI, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY CONTAINS SOME
SECTORS AMENABLE TO CLOSER TIES WITH SPAIN.

B. EPISODE AGAIN DEMONSTRATES LASTING TENDENCY OF MANY
SPANIARDS TO CLOSE RANKS IN REJECTING FOREIGN SLIGHTS TO
ESTABLISHED REGIME.

C. JUST AS MEXICAN PREACHMENTS ON "DEMOCRACY" PRODUCE WIDESPREAD
SMILES, SO SPANISH PRESS RAGE AT UNREPORTED EVENT PRODUCE
WIDESPREAD PERPLEXITY AMONG OBSERVERS OF SPANISH POLITICS.
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